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Dear Sir:

LETTER REGARDING ADVISORY ACTION

Applicants acknowledge receipt of the Advisory Action mailed July 12, 2002. The Advisory Action asserts that it has been issued in reply to Applicants' response to the final rejection mailed June 3, 2002. However, Applicants did not file a response to the final rejection. Instead, on July 3, 2002, Applicants filed a Notice of Appeal, which was accompanied by an Amendment and an Appeal Brief. The Notice of Appeal placed the present application into an appeal status, and the Amendment and Appeal Brief which accompanied the Notice of Appeal are part of the appeal, rather than a response to the final rejection.

The first paragraph of the Advisory Action sets forth a time period for reply to the Advisory Action, calculated on the basis of the mailing date of the final rejection. However, filing of the Notice of Appeal eliminated

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all time periods running from the mailing date of the final rejection. Moreover, since an Appeal Brief has already been filed, the next step is for the Examiner to issue an Examiner's Answer. Thus, no further action by Applicants is required at this time, and it makes no sense for the Advisory Action to suggest that a time period is running with respect to Applicants. The only time period running at this time relates to preparation of the Examiner's Answer, and is running against the Examiner, not the Applicants.

The Advisory Action also indicates that the Amendment filed on July 3, 2002 will be entered if Applicants file an appeal. However, an appeal had already been filed at the time that the July 3 Amendment was considered, and the Examiner should have acknowledged the fact that the application was already on appeal, and should have indicated that the Amendment had in fact already been entered.

Respectfully submitted,
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